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## Waterloo County Quilters' Guild 2017 Quilt Exhibit

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Quilters, clockwise from top left: Marg Notar, Natalie Dudycha, Betteanne Nichols, Betteanne Nichols, Jennifer Johnston.

**Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park  
Manulife Financial Sportsplex  
2001 University Avenue East  
Waterloo, Ontario**

**October 13 & 14, 2017  
Friday & Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm**

**Admission \$8**

# SCRAPS OF WISDOM

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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## April Program - Sharon Fisher

Sharon took her first quilt course in the basement of a house twenty-four years ago. Being a single mother of three small children and embracing a new career at the same time, that first quilt took about ten years to complete.

Constantly challenging herself with new ideas, Sharon loves to learn new methods for any form of quilting, appliqué and embroidery. Classes have included free-motion quilting, an introduction to “Buggy Barn” quilts, which quickly became a major focus for Sharon, with further inspiration provided through additional classes. Since then, the primitive quilt style has been one of her true passions. Sharon has become a regular instructor herself, with machine piecing, wool appliqué and embellishing stitches. From machine embroidery, Sharon has continued to explore her love of primitive quilts.

Combining her love of texture and colour with traditional, primitive and whimsical themes, Sharon has used embellishments to enrich basic designs, while creating a niche for herself as a teacher in the true traditional style of quilters, sharing skills and passion with other quilters.

From ultra-modern to centuries-old hand methods, Sharon has embraced them all, but her heart and major passion is and always will be with primitive style hand embellishment and the traditional yet modern look this achieves.

Join us for the April guild meetings where Sharon’s trunk show will feature her wool appliqué pieces and embellishment stitching.

## President’s Message : “Our Giving Guild”

As I was perusing guild websites, I became mindful of a common thread. They all support a variety of organizations, primarily within their communities. Whether we choose to contribute in any way is a personal matter and dependent upon our resources and ability to do so at the time. Our donations to these causes are unexpected gifts and not mandatory or obligatory in any way.

These “gifts” could consist of our time, our talents, specifically requested item, and are not always monetary. They serve to support those in need and less fortunate.

Personally, I am overwhelmed by the recent contributions and participation with “Days for Girls” and the Slab Quilts for the CQA (benefitting Ronald McDonalds Houses). The organization of all our projects is valuable and necessary as well.

The ever increasing fabric bank is made possible by giving. I am assuming that this is the result of all the quilts being made for our upcoming exhibit. I do not really believe it is multiplying when stored under the stage.

I know I am not the only one who acknowledges and appreciates the value of generosity. “It’s better to give than receive” is a powerful, familiar statement. Positive thoughts and attitudes are supportive gifts that are needed as well.

I am very thankful for “giving guilds” everywhere.

- Eileen Fennell, President

## **“A DAY AWAY” or “MINI RETREAT” SATURDAY MAY 6TH**

**9am to 9pm at Emmanuel United Church, 22 Bridgeport Road, Waterloo**

\$40.00 includes the whole day with 2 delicious meals and an opportunity to work on the project of your choice!

Some people may like to work on a quilt for Vera’s Place (which is next door to the church). Judy Siegner has cut and prepared quilt pieces for 4-patch units and has even added setting triangles.

Others may choose to work on their own project, or you may do a bit of each by donating a few minutes to assisting in the piecing of the above mentioned quilt for Vera’s place.

Sign up with full payment will be at the April Guild meetings.

- Submitted by Marilyn Hollinger



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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET!** It is important for fire regulations that we know how many people we have in the community centre, especially during the afternoon meetings.

## Using Up Scraps #11 with Vikki MacDonald

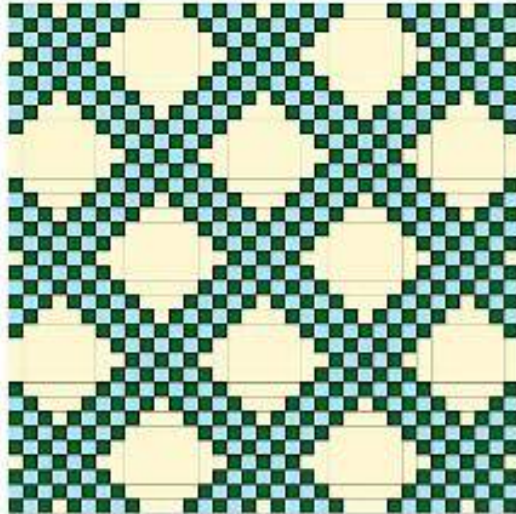
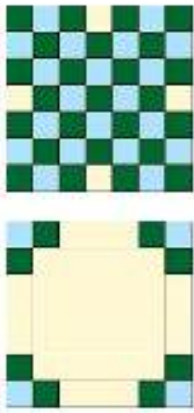
### Irish Chain Quilts

Irish Chain quilts are constructed using two alternating blocks. The quilts look best with an odd number of blocks for both the width and height. The drafted illustrations primarily in green (*Irish, you know...*) illustrate the block construction and emphasize the chains more clearly than scrappy versions.

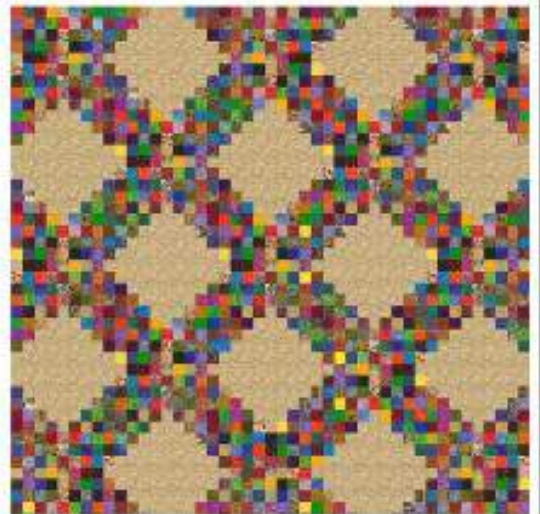
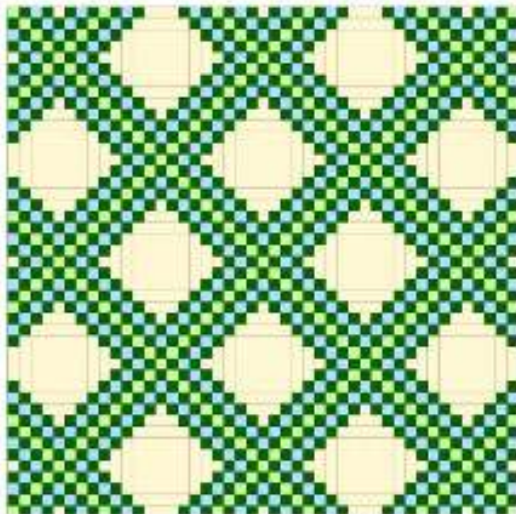
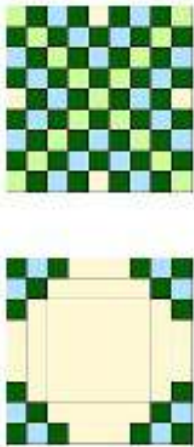
Vikki's double, triple and quintuple quilts and the scrappy diagrams of the others highlight the scrappy possibilities for these Irish Chain quilts.



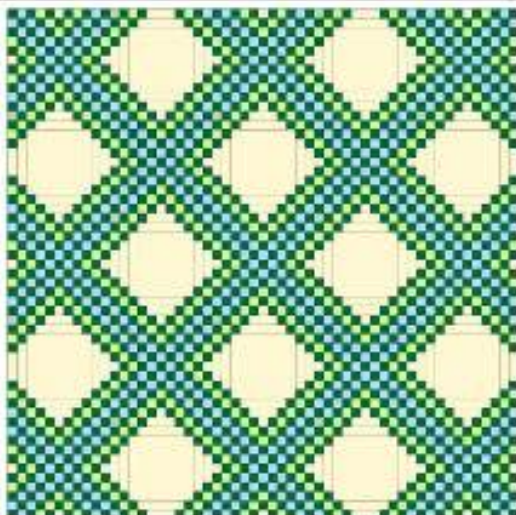
Triple Irish Chain



Quadruple Irish Chain



Quintuple Irish Chain





## Days for Girls

The Days for Girls Kitchener Team would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of panties, ziplock bags, thread, ribbon, washcloths, wonderful fabric and cash. Your generosity and kind words to our team are very much appreciated.

If you missed the March guild meetings, we will be collecting again at the April meetings.

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**Creative Sisters**  
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**Returns by 7:00 pm**

**\$ 60.00 plus tax includes Luxury Coach transportation and entry to the show.**

**Call (519)584-2130 to reserve your seat.**  
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***Scraps of Wisdom... from our guild member, Karen Lichty***

"I have been attending the Mannheim Wednesday group for a couple of years now and have been inspired by the many projects I have seen. I had many "projects" in my stash and for some reason they never got started. Some of the fabrics started looking dated and boring. I went through all my fabrics, mixing in these tired projects and discovered that with a fresh eye they worked very well with my newer fabrics and now have 'way more potential for a "wow" project. I actually just finished piecing one quilt that has fabrics from a 25 year collection period. I have shared this idea with a few friends who did the same thing and they too felt it raised the possibilities of their stash."— Karen Lichty

*Do you have some wisdom to share with our members? Please send it along to [margsandiford@hotmail.com](mailto:margsandiford@hotmail.com) or write it down and give it to me at a guild meeting. This is a great way to learn from and support one another in our quilting adventure. - Marg Sandiford*



## Mannheim Sewing Circle

Join us on Wednesday, April 12th, 9am - 4pm, for another Mannheim Sewing Circle. Bring a project of your choice to work on and your packed lunch - we will provide tea and coffee. All are welcome! Your \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room. Directions to the Mannheim Community Centre can be found in your membership handbook or on our guild website.

Hope to see you there! - Megan and Tamara



"The Wearing of the Green" at show and tell in March. Our lovely 'Colleen' is Brenda Cole.

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**Thank you**, Robin Bogaert for sharing your trunk show and passion for quilting. We really enjoyed your quilting journey and expertise.  
Robin also wishes to thank the white gloves!





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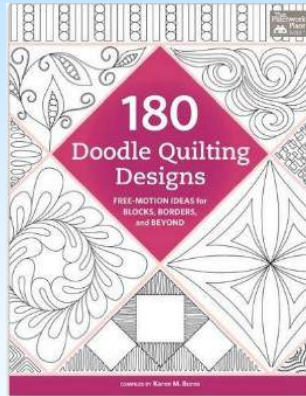
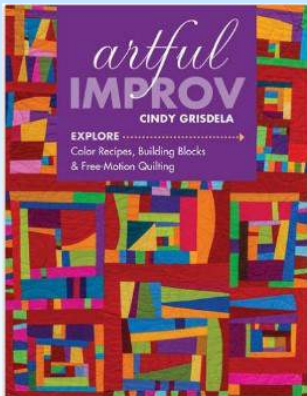
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**Library News** A reminder that the annual library inventory will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2017. Please return all borrowed materials at the May guild meetings. Volunteers to help with taking the inventory will be most welcome. Please speak to Ruthanne Snider or Judy Pearce. At the June meetings, you will be able to sign out library books for the summer months. Thanks for your co-operation, Ruthanne and Judy.



Look what's new in the library!

# WCQG QUILT EXHIBIT 2017

We are looking for all kinds of quilts to be shown at our Quilt Exhibit on October 13-14, 2017. Just about any quilt project will fit into one of these categories:

- Small wall quilt - maximum perimeter 180 inches (no minimum)
- Large wall quilt—perimeter greater than 180 inches
- Modern quilt
- Bed or lap quilt
- Other items - i.e., quilted jacket, quilted carrying bag
- Group quilt
- Small draw quilt - these quilts are used as draw prizes and will not be returned to you
- President's Challenge quilt



You may submit a maximum of six entries into the quilt exhibit in addition to the President's Challenge. Please look at the WCQG website under "Quilt Exhibit" to see the revised instructions when making a quilt sleeve.

**Entry forms for all quilts need to be completed by the end of June. Quilts will be photographed at The Creative Sisters Quilt Studio in August 2017. Exact photography dates are yet to be determined. If you are planning a holiday in August, please make arrangements with a friend or family member to take your quilt(s) in to be photographed.**

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

For this year's President's Challenge, Eileen has chosen the theme of a song title or a line from a song. The size of the finished quilt should be 12½" by 12½" (the size of a record album!)

You may interpret the song title or line as you wish. Be creative. Will we be able to identify your song?

Your entry must have a sleeve and a label with your name, the name of the quilt, and the category (2017 President's Challenge) The challenge quilts must be finished and shown at the June 2017 guild meeting.

We will also be looking for a variety of sewn or quilted items to sell at our Boutique during the exhibit. **Also, advertising postcards are now available from Ilene Atkins (as shown on this newsletter's first page). Thanks, Ilene!**

Happy quilting and thanks!

Bonnie and Ruthanne

## Guild Exhibit Magnets

Please give your completed magnets to **Elaine LaRonde** and see her for supplies to make more. If you are travelling this spring and would like to deliver some of our advertising magnets to the quilt shops you visit, please see Elaine for a supply and let her know the names of the stores to which you are delivering.

## Boutique Items for Our Quilt Exhibit

For every item donated to the boutique, you get a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate. Three small items entitle you to one entry, each large item entitles you to one entry. We are also accepting used quilt magazines, but there are no entry ballots for these.

Thanks, **Alin Chan**,  
Quilt Exhibit Boutique Co-ordinator

## Postcards and Small Posters

This year we will have small posters for bulletin boards and 20,000 postcards for members to hand out. Sounds like a lot of postcards, but we were able to distribute that many for the last show. With everyone's help, it will be an easy job. All our advertising proved very effective in drawing people to our wonderful display of quilts in 2015. People can leave postcards at their church, quilt stores, art stores and many restaurants and cafes. They will be available at the guild meetings, or they can call or email me for a bunch. - **Ilene Atkins**, Advertising Co-ordinator

### Waterloo County Quilters' Guild 2017 Quilt Exhibit

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## Silent Auction Items Wanted

Please bring your silent auction items to our guild meetings. These items will be gathered into baskets and attractively displayed during the Quilt Exhibit in October. There is a table designated for these items at our guild meetings.

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**Date:** Friday, June 9, 2017, 9am - 4pm

**Place:** Mannheim Community Centre

**Cost:** \$35.00 payable to Waterloo County Quilters' Guild (WCQG), upon registration - See Elizabeth King at the next guild meeting or email kingeliz@bell.net or phone 519-885-0393 to confirm attendance. Please bring your lunch.

Participants put their adult colouring skills to work and play with Inktense pencils to create flowers and leaves that will be cut out and used to create appliqués. This is a fun workshop in which participants will learn some of the tricks for colouring realistic images of their choice and then adding water to turn them into beautifully shaded fabrics. After the appliqués are created, they will be cut out and fused to a background to start a block. Students can use their teacher's pattern for the clematis or bring their own inspiration for flowers or leaves.



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Scott Schau with his 2 quilts illustrating his progress as a machine quilter at March's evening meeting.



Frieda Carter with her daughter-in-law Ingrid Carter with Frieda's strip pieced quilt

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*Detail of Indian Splendour by Donna Funnell (GN 2015 - Connections)*

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## Consignment Quilts Wanted

We received the following email from Jackie Catania of Treasures in Stratford. This is something guild members would need to pursue as individuals.

“Our store is *Treasures*, and we’re in Stratford, Ontario - we’re a very busy little shop on the main street. We’ve been in business for more than 14 years, and we specialize in local, Canadian and fair trade handmade items, including handmade quilts. All of our current bed quilts are pieced and hand quilted by skilled Mennonite and Amish quilters. We are currently looking for more quilts to fill our racks - especially double/queen/king hand quilted bed quilts. We are also interested in looking at machine quilted ones of any size, if they are modern, fun and different, to suit a different clientele. We’d also be willing to look at any other sewing/quilted crafts, or any other quality handcrafts that members create.

We are a consignment shop, so items will be paid for once they’ve sold. We’re gearing up to our high season, so the sooner artisans bring items to us, the better their sales will be.

Anyone who is interested can contact us via email, phone or facebook. They can send us photos, or make an appointment to come in to show us their creations. We see potential vendors by appointment only, as it gets too busy for ‘drop ins’.

Please contact Jackie Catania/Cathy Brubacher of Treasures, 151 Ontario St., Stratford ON phone 519-272-1715 or email [jc\\_treasures@hotmail.com](mailto:jc_treasures@hotmail.com) facebook: TreasuresStratford

Thanks! Jackie Catania & Cathy Brubacher”

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# WORLD QUILT COMPETITION

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## Canada

The World Quilt Competition XX will be judged August 17-19, 2017 at World Quilt New England in Manchester, New Hampshire. I am pleased to continue as the Canadian Coordinator for the competition.

The deadline for contest entrants to postmark or email completed entries is May 15, 2017. My information is on the entry form on the website.

Please pass this information on to any interested quilters in your area. There are many talented quilters living in Canada and I would like to encourage more people to enter.

Thank you so much for your assistance,  
Debbie MacLeod

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## CANADA'S BIG QUILT BEE - SLAB DAYS MARCH 24 & 25

Thank you for so generously supporting CQA/ACC and Ronald McDonald House Charities to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. Did you know that in 2015, a total of 13,260 families were helped by Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada?

Our "Slab Days" were a great success! With **20** guild members and friends participating, some on both days, we produced **66** (and counting) quilt tops. We were blessed to receive over **250** blocks from the Friends of Schneider Haus, surplus blocks from years of quilt block challenges, many of which we were able to incorporate into 12 and 24 block quilt tops.

## WANTED: LONG ARM AND DOMESTIC MACHINE QUILTERS

Now our task is to get 'em quilted! We have backing, batting and binding all ready to go, we just need quilters who can donate their time, energy, thread and skills to get these items quilted. The quilt tops are mostly 36" x 48" with a few 48" x 72". Our timeline is such that they need to be completed by our **May 15th** guild meetings, so they can be taken to the Mississauga drop off point before the end of May. The quilting doesn't have to be custom or fancy, just enough to hold the layers together.

If you are willing to quilt one, two or more, please let Marg Sandiford know so she can get the "quiltee" and the quilter together. She would be happy to bring them to Mannheim next week, to the guild meetings on April 19th or arrange to drop them off at your convenience.

If you have a top you are piecing, but won't be able to quilt yourself, please bring it to the April meeting as well. Labels are also available from Marg Sandiford.

Any tops and blocks that don't get quilted will be sent to CQA for the Big Quilt Bee at Quilt Canada in June. There will be a limited number of quilts that can be completed during that time, so the more we can send completed the better.

If you want more information about quilting for us, please contact Marg Sandiford at [margsandiford@hotmail.com](mailto:margsandiford@hotmail.com) . If you want to learn more about the Big Quilt Bee, check out their website:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017.php>





**CANADA'S BIG QUILT BEE - SLAB DAYS MARCH 24 & 25**



Photo credit: Ron Sampson

**Friday Participants:** Back row: (L to R) Betty Anne Scott, Carol Huehn, Emily Hunsberger, Kathy Bissett, Vikki MacDonald, Renske Helmuth.

Second row: (L to R) Jean Carberry, Elisabeth Patterson, Judy Siegner, Nancy Winn, Paula McDermott, Judy Pearce, Ruth Hicks.

Front row: (L to R) Marg Sandiford, Marilyn Hollinger, Rachael Verbruggen, Lilla Hall

**Saturday Participants:** Back row: (L to R) Fabia Joyce, Carol Huehn, Madeline Hughes, Emily Hunsberger, Laura Brown, Judy Pearce

Second row: Jean Carberry, Vikki MacDonald, Kathy Bissett, Paula McDermott, Wendy Cressman

Front row: Ilene Atkins, Abbey Brown, Rachael Verbruggen

Missing from this picture: Elisabeth Patterson and Marg Sandiford (who took the picture)



Marilyn Hollinger

We want to thank the Waterloo Church of Christ for the use of the building and Macy and Max Bisanti for helping sort the scrap bank into colour bags.

Scraps of Wisdom - April 2017



Paula McDermott with one of her pink slab quilt tops



Ruth Hicks, Emily Hunsberger & Jean Carberry  
Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

# Call for Nominations

Your organization needs you!!

Each year some board position terms come to an end and it's time to get new ideas on the team. At this time the board is seeking nominations for three positions.

**Vice President** – The VP works with the President to learn the work of the organization. The VP is the liaison with the Regional Representatives and assists them in their duties. The VP coordinates the fund-raising activities such as the CQA/ACC Trend-Tex Challenge. The VP takes part in event planning, policy decisions and running the organization. The term is one year with the expectation that the VP will move into the Presidency in the second year. If you are outgoing, organized and a leader, this position may be for you.

**Social Media** – Social media is the way we communicate with quilters all over Canada and beyond, reaching thousands of quilters. The director generates, publishes and shares content on all CQA/ACC social media platforms. Communicating and coordinating with other directors about trends and possible new opportunities is part of the job. The term is two years.

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**Website** – This is a new position as CQA/ACC implements a new website in 2017. Duties will be to assist in setting up a new site, maintain the site with current data and do updates as needed. This is a two-year position.

Full job descriptions and nomination forms are available on the website <http://www.canadianquilter.com/members-area/volunteer-duties.php>



Wendy Cressman



Elisabeth Patterson



Abbey Brown



Marg Sandiford



Judy Siegner



Thank you, Emily Hunsberger for capturing the "general splendour" of our Slab Days!



# Program Outline 2016-2017

**April - Sharon Fisher & strip piecing workshop with Jackie Syer (April 8th)**

**May - Harebrained Happenings**

Slab quilts due to be handed in at guild meetings

**June - Creating Appliqués Using Inktense Pencils with Kathy Tidswell - Friday, June 9 at Mannheim**

**Annual General Meeting, evening meeting only**

REMEMBER,  
PEOPLE WILL SEE  
YOUR QUILTS  
LONG AFTER YOU  
ARE GONE -  
NOT YOUR  
HOUSEWORK!

## Elected Officers of the Guild 2016-2017

**President:** Eileen Fennell

**Vice President:** Lilla Hall

**Treasurer:** Darlene Yanke

**Secretary:** Robin Bogaert

**Past President:** Kathy Langill

## Standing Committees

**Historian:** Ruth Hicks

**Librarians:** Ruthanne Snider (A)  
Judy Pearce (E)

**Membership:** Madeline Hughes (E)  
Pat Lockyer (E)  
Kitty Mitchell (E)  
Betty Anne Scott (A)

**Newsletter:** Marg Sandiford  
Pat Lockyer - Mailings

**Advertising Coordinator :** Marg Sandiford

**Program & Workshops:** Kathy Langill

**Quilt Exhibit:** Bonnie Murdoch, Co-chair  
& Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair

**Website:** Kathy Bissett



## Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
April	8	Jackie Syer Strip/String Piecing Workshop
April	12	Mannheim Sewing Circle
April	19	Regular Guild Meetings
May	6	Mini Retreat at Emmanuel United Church
May	23-26	St. Jacobs Quilt & Fibre Art Festival
May	26-27	New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale & Quilt Auction
June	9	Kathy Tidswell Creating Appliqués with Inktense Pencils Workshop
June	14-17	CQC/ACC Quilt Canada in Toronto
October	13-14	WCQG Quilt Exhibit at RIM Park

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Scraps of Wisdom - April 2017



Waterloo County Quilters' Guild